

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

October 27, 2005

MEETING MINUTES

Martinson Conference Room

Drayson Center

25040 Stewart Street, Loma Linda, 92350.

Teleconference: (916) 556-1508 Participant code: 6044

Members Present:

Ms. Dianne Martinez, REHS, Chairwoman, CEHA representative

Ms. Alicia Enriquez, REHS, Secretary, Public Sector

Dr. Tom Hatfield, Dr. PH., REHS, University Program - via conference call

Mr. Steve McCalley, MBA, REHS, CCDEH

Mr. Todd Frantz, REHS, Private Sector

Ms. Donna Gurule, MS, REHS, University Program

Dr. Dean Kelaita, Health Officer, Calaveras County

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Members Absent:

Ms. Shelia Reed, MS, Public Member Appointed by the Assembly

Mr. Arturo Aguirre, MS, REHS, CCDEH

Environmental Health Specialist Registration Program Staff Present:

Mr. Glenn Takeoka, REHS, Chief Environmental Health Services Section, Executive Officer

Ms. Margaret Blood, REHS, EHS Registration Program Administrator

OPENING REMARKS Dianne Martinez, REHS, Chairwoman,

At 10:04 AM Chairwoman Martinez asked the committee members to come to order and requested that everyone present introduce themselves, a quorum was established.

Martinez asked the members to review the minutes from the April 25 and August 29, 2005 meetings.

- Gurule moved and McCalley seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the EHSRC meeting held on April 25, 2005. Motion passed.
- McCalley moved and Enriquez seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the EHSRC meeting held on August 29, 2005. Motion passed.

TRAINING PLANS Margaret Blood, REHS Program Administrator

Registration Process Committee – status report

The Summary of Training Plan Status dated October 24, 2005 was distributed to the members. A discussion was held regarding the jurisdictions that have not submitted an updated plan. REHS staff will forward a reminder letter to the counties without updated plans. The letter will include a deadline to submit before trainees are no longer accepted by DHS. Counties without current plans are offered support and assistance

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by DHS. DHS will also make an announcement at regional CCDEH meetings to remind the directors of the importance of providing updated plans if they plan to hire environmental health trainees.

A Training Coordinator Workshop was held on October 26, 2005 in Alameda County where 17 counties participated, both in person and via conference call. The workshop participants were asked to develop a comprehensive outline of the most important knowledge and skill (K/S) required on the job by using the K/S statements developed during the job analysis. This first workshop focused on the K/S used in the food and consumer protection program. The next Training Coordinator meeting will be held in Anaheim at the Annual Educational Symposium (week of May 8-12, 2006).

PROGRAM UPDATE, Mr. Glenn Takeoka, Executive Officer
Continuing Education – proposed regulations will be submitted to the Office of Regulations by DHS (perhaps December 2005) and this process will take at least one year. A comment period is expected approximately 7-8 months following submittal. CEHA and CCDEH are in support of this proposal.
Dr. Mark Horton, of Orange County, has been appointed as the new State Health Officer. Dave Spath, Division Chief, Drinking Water and Environmental Management, will retire effective October 31, 2005. USEPA Workshop scheduled for November 11, 2005 on Blue/Green Algae. The next CCLHO Environmental Health Committee meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2005.

CURRICULUM REVIEW

The Education and Professional Standards Ad Hoc Committee minutes from August 10, 2005 were distributed. The Ad Hoc Committee includes Art Aguirre, Dianne Martinez, Doug Turner, Jane Valentine, Lal Mian, Rania Sabty-Daily, Sandy Donohue, Sherri McMahan, Shelia Reed, Steve McCalley, Tom Hatfield and Donna Gurule.

The Ad Hoc Committee has been working on the definition of “basic science” as it pertains to the course requirements for registration as an Environmental Health Specialist. In particular the committee has been evaluating if the statutory language that requires a year of “Biological Science” can be met with a semester of general biology and a semester of human anatomy and physiology or human physiology. The Ad Hoc Committee concluded that human physiology is acceptable as the second semester of biological science as long as the first semester thoroughly examines ecology, specie diversity and evolution so that the student has a well rounded understanding of the biological sciences.

A motion was made (McCalley) and seconded (Hatfield) to approve the recommendation made by the Education and Professional Standards Ad Hoc Committee as stated on the August 10, 2005 minutes. The motion passed unanimously. (Recommendation of Ad Hoc Committee: The committee unanimously approved BIO 281/282 Human Physiology and lab (CSUN), PhyAn 65 Human

Physiology with Lab (CSUF), PhyAn 33 Human Anatomy and Physiology with Lab (CSUF) as satisfying the requirement for a second semester of biology in Option V providing that the student takes a semester of biology that includes concepts of evolution and ecology.)

The Ad Hoc Committee suggested that the flowchart be improved by substituting ASSIST for the CAN system. A discussion was held regarding the benefits of both systems.

A motion was made (Hatfield) and seconded (Gurule) to use ASSIST as a basis for articulating courses in the flow chart used to determine if course credits are transferable. Motion passed unanimously. Note: The CAN system will continue to be used.

CHEM 102 at Antelope Valley College was reviewed as an example using ASSIST.org.

UNIVERSITY DEGREE PROGRAMS Margaret Blood, Program Administrator Education and Professional Standards Committee includes Art Aguirre, Donna Gurule, Tom Hatfield, Dianne Martinez, Todd Frantz, and Shelia Reed. They are tasked with university site reviews.

- California State University, Fresno – A site visit was completed in September 2005 by Donna Gurule and Margaret Blood. The draft report will be sent to the site team members for review and then to the university for comment. A final draft should be before the full committee for the May meeting at the CEHA Annual Educational Symposium.
- University of California, Los Angeles – a site review will be planned for spring 2006; DHS is waiting for a date certain and the self survey from Dr. Jane Valentine, UCLA Program Coordinator.
- CSU San Bernardino – DHS will request updated information regarding the number of full and part-time faculty, number of students and the number of courses offered. This update will be provided to the full committee at their May meeting when they will re-evaluate program approval.

A motion was made (McCalley) and seconded (Hatfield) to adjourn. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 12:50PM.

CLOSED SESSION – Called to order at 12:51pm

DHS staff provided an update on the complaint made by Mendocino County residents that was referred to the Mendocino County District Attorney. DHS is working with the District Attorney's office to gather pertinent information for the case.

Closed session adjourned at 1:15pm